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SUBJECT: UK APPROACH ON SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT ON IAEA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. REFTEL ASKED OUR REACTION TO UK PROPOSAL TO MAKE STATEMENT AT GENERAL CONFERENCE REITERATING REGRET AT NON-DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. DIFFICULT TO JUDGE FROM HERE WHAT EFFECT SUCH STATEMENT MIGHT HAVE BUT HARDLY SEEMS IT WOULD BY ITSELF HELP GREATLY TO FORESTALL ATTEMPT TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA FROM AGENCY.

2. IN VIEW OF REPORT THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL SHORTLY BE REPLYING TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE (STATE 224588), SUGGEST QUESTION BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER SA RESPONSE IS POSITIVE ENOUGH TO WARRANT EXPECTATION THAT FROM FURTHER DISCUSSIONS SAG ADHERENCE TO NPT AND INTERIM SAFEGUARDS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

3. IF SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN US AND SAG, THIS COULD BE ADVANCED AS ADDITIONAL ARGUMENT AGAINST MOVES TO REVOKE SA MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA. ALSO, ACTIVE US EFFORTS

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TO BOLSTER SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION IN IAEA MIGHT BETTER BE WITHHELD UNTIL SAG'S ATTITUDE CAN BE MORE FULLY ASSESSED.
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